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- 1. IN FURTHER FOLLOW-UP OF SAUDI INTEREST IN POSSIBLE SPONSORSHIP OF HARLEM GLOBETROTTERS APPEARANCE IN KINGDOM, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF YOUTH WELFARE ORGANIZATION, OTHMAN AL-SA'AD REPORTS THAT HIS ORGANIZATION, WHICH IS HEADED BY PRINCE FAISAL BIN FAHD, SON OF CROWN PRINCE FAHD, IS DEFINITELY INTERESTED IN SUCH A TOUR AND THAT GLOBETROTTERS REPRESENTATIVE SHOULD COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY WITH PRINCE FAISAL'S OFFICE IN RIYADH AND NOT DISCUSS A PROPOSED TOUR THROUGH ANY OTHER THIRD PARTY, I.E. WHITTAKEY CORP.
- 2. REGRET POST WAS UNABLE TO PASS THIS INFORMATION ON WHILE LEMON AND HAYNES WERE ON TRIP TO AREA BUT SAUDI OFFICIALS UNAVAILABLE UNTIL LAST WEEK DUE TO SUMMER HOLIDAYS.
- 3. STRONGLY URGE THAT GLOBETROTTERS REP. FOLLOW UP ON THIS INTEREST AND EMBASSY VERY WILLING TO PASS ON ANY COMMUNICATIONS FROM THEM IF REPS. UNABLE TO VISIT KINGDOM NOW. EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO INCLUDE KINGDOM IN GLOBETROTTERS 1976 TOUR IF POSSIBLE.
- 4. ALTHOUGH NO PROMISES MADE, THERE IS STRONG POSSIBILITY THAT YOUTH WELFARE ORGANIZATION WILL UNCLASSIFIED

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